AMENDMENT

Please amend the Claims as follows. An explanation of the changes to the Claims is found in the Remarks. Added text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An implantable or insertable medical device comprising (a) a therapeutic agent and (b) a polymeric release region that controls the release of said therapeutic agent upon administration to a patient, said polymeric release region comprising an acrylic graft copolymer which is a block copolymer comprising ~~comprises~~ (i) a rubbery block ~~plurality~~ of rubbery acrylic units and (ii) a hard block ~~plurality~~ of hard units.

2. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said polymeric release region is a carrier region that comprises said therapeutic agent.

3. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said polymeric release region is a barrier region disposed over a therapeutic-agent-containing region that comprises said therapeutic agent.

4. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said polymeric release region is in the form of a coating layer on the medical device.

5. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said implantable or insertable medical device is selected from a catheter, a guide wire, a balloon, a filter, a stent, a stent graft, a vascular graft, a vascular patch and a shunt.

6. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said implantable or insertable medical device is adapted for implantation or insertion into the coronary vasculature, peripheral vascular system, esophagus, trachea, colon, biliary tract, urinary tract, prostate or brain.

7. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said therapeutic agent is selected from one or more of the group consisting of an anti-thrombotic agent, an anti-proliferative agent, an anti-inflammatory agent, an anti-migratory agent, an agent affecting extracellular matrix production and organization, an antineoplastic agent, an anti-mitotic agent, an anesthetic agent, an anti-coagulant, a vascular cell growth promoter, a vascular cell growth inhibitor, a cholesterol-lowering agent, a vasodilating agent, and an agent that interferes with endogenous vasoactive mechanisms.

8. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said acrylic copolymer has an elongation at break of at least 25% at ambient temperature.

9. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said hard units are selected from methacrylate ester units and vinyl aromatic units.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said copolymer is a linear copolymer.

12. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said copolymer is a branched copolymer having a configuration selected from a star-shaped configuration, a comb configuration and a dendritic configuration.

13. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said rubbery block is selected from a poly(alkyl acrylate) block, a poly(haloalkyl acrylate) block, and a poly(cyanoalkyl acrylate) block.

14. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 13, wherein said poly(alkyl acrylate) block is selected from a poly(methyl acrylate) block and a poly(butyl acrylate) block.

15. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said hard block is a poly(vinyl aromatic) block.

16. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 15, wherein said poly(vinyl aromatic) block is a substituted or unsubstituted polystyrene block.

17. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said hard block is a poly(methacrylic) block.

18. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 17, wherein said poly(methacrylic) block is a poly(alkyl methacrylate) block.

19. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 18, wherein said poly(alkyl methacrylate) block is selected from a poly(methyl methacrylate) block and a poly(hydroxyethyl methacrylate) block.

20. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said block copolymer is selected from a diblock copolymer and a triblock copolymer.

21. Previously cancelled.

22. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said block copolymer comprises (a) a first glass transition temperature that is greater than ambient temperature and (b) a second glass transition temperature that is less than ambient temperature.

23. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 22, wherein said first glass transition temperature that is greater than 75.degree. C. and said second glass transition temperature that is less than 10.degree. C.

24. (Currently amended) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein said rubbery block corresponds to a rubbery phase within said release region at ambient

temperatures, wherein said hard block corresponds to a hard phase within said release layer at ambient temperatures that is distinct from said rubbery phase.

25. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said copolymer comprises (a) a first glass transition temperature that is greater than ambient temperature and (b) a second glass transition temperature that is less than ambient temperature.

26. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said polymeric release region further comprises a supplemental polymer.

27. (Original) The implantable or insertable medical device of claim 1, wherein said medical device is sterilized using a quantity of radiation effective to kill pathogens.